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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS ON DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT HEARINGS

1. PRESS PLAY SEPTEMBER 16 ON SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON US TURKISH DCA WAS COMPARATIVELY
LIGHT, FEATURING STRAIGHT NEWS REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON
AND WIRE SERVICES. PLAY WAS CONFINED TO INSIDE PAGES.
REPORTS IN MAJOR DAILIES NOTE THAT UNDERSECRETARY HABIB,
ASSISTANT DEFENSE SECRETARY ELLSWORTH, ASSISTANT SECRE-
TARY HARTMAN AND AMBASSADOR MACOMBER TESTIFIED ON BEHALF
OF DCA, WHILE SENATOR PELL SAID THAT ACTION ON DCA
SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THERE IS PROGRESS IN SETTling
TURKISH-GREEK CYPRUS AND AEGEAN PROBLEMS.

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2. MILLIYET ALSO REPORTED SENATOR PELL'S QUESTION

WHETHER GOT HAS MOVED MISSILES (PERSHING MISSILES, ACCORDING TO A SEPARATE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT) FROM SOVIET BORDER TO CONFRONT GREECE. ACCORDING TO MILLIYET, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ELLSWORTH REPLIED THAT SUCH REPORTS WERE COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED AND THAT THERE WERE "NO SUCH MISSILES IN TURKEY."

3. MILLIYET REPORT FROM WASHINGTON, IN ADDITION TO SENATOR PELL'S REMARKS, HIGHLIGHTED HABIB AND ELLSWORTH TESTIMONY ON IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING NATO ALLIANCE. MILLIYET, TERCUMAN AND MOST OTHER PAPERS REPORT "ADMINIS" TRATION SOURCES" AS SAYING THAT NO FINAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON DCA IS LIKELY THIS YEAR, AND THAT AGREEMENT WITH GREECE ON NEW DCA IS NEAR.
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